

House Resolution No. 3991

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Helen Grabel of Birch Tree, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on September 12, 2008, at Birch Tree Place; and

Whereas, on September 13, 1918, God brought a special gift to Dale and Jessie Finch Kirkendall with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Helen, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Helen Grabel will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her sixty-three-year marriage to Harry Phillip Grabel (deceased) and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Helen Grabel has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include three children, Susan Grabel Joplin, Johnnie Phillip Grabel, and Carl Ray Grabel; eight grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Helen Grabel further distinguished herself by playing an instrumental role in the establishment of a nursing home in Birch Tree and by serving as a member of the Baptist Church, President of the Resident Council, and as an Ombudsman for many years; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Helen Grabel is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Helen Grabel at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Helen Grabel, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative J.C. Kuessner
District No. 152

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 3991, adopted August 28, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker